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L-A Rotary Ripple



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 38 Members strong plus 3 Honorary!

Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club - Meets Thursdays noon to 1 p.m. The Village Inn, Auburn
 President, Celeste Yakawonis, celyak@megalink.net

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Recaps to Date

- 06/28: Welcome President Celeste
- 07/25: Meeting with District Governor
- 08/08: Induction of Jennifer Tucci
- 08/15: Induction of Andrew Bard
- 08/16-8/18: Balloon Festival
- 09/12: Destination luncheon – The Fortin Group
- 09/19: Induction of Chris Street
- 09/29: Fellowship at Ricker Hill Orchards
- 10/17: Food/money collection for Misfit’s Rehab
- 10/24: Pints for Polio Night – Gritty’s

Mike Albert, Doug Bowen , John Belisle, Chris Street, Don Grant, Tom MacDonald, Fred Holler, Cheryl, McKeone, and Bethel Shields



Happenings

- 11/21: **Board Meeting – 11:-00 a.m. Village Inn**
- 11/28: Thanksgiving - no meeting
- 12/07: **Boston Trip – call Dube’s Travel to reserve your seat on the bus**
- 12/19: **Christmas Caroling – 6:00 p.m. – Schooner Estates**

4 November Rotary Anniversaries

- 05: Wendy Russell (2008) 11 years
- 12: Christine Wilson (2009) 10 years
- 21: Charles Knight (1974) 45 years
- 21: Claire Veilleux (1996) 23 years

3 November Birthdays

- 12: Peter Arsenault
- 16: Linda Chamberlain
- 20: Alan Hahnel

November Guest Speakers

- 07: Gordon Smith – State’s Opiod Response
- 14: Mike Albert – House in the Woods Military Family Retreat
- 21: Peter Kowalski – Paul Harris Fellowship

Mike Albert from House in the Woods Military Family Retreat in Lee, Maine spoke about how this non-profit organization came about. Parents of two soldiers who died in Iraq in 2007 – Sgt. Joel House (22) and Sgt. Blair Emery (24) decided to create this program in their memory as they loved the great outdoors. Veterans and family members attend and partake of the great outdoors: bear hunting, deer hunting, kayaking, canoeing, etc. Veterans from 40 states have attended this program. Doug Bowen shared his experiences – he indicated it was a relaxed atmosphere, great food, and lots of activities and it helps create a bond amongst the attendees. The organization receives donations and has various fundraisers during the year that helps keep the program running. The fellowship was invited to visit the facility.



Sue Donovan of Donovan Motors and volunteer/fundraiser for House in the Woods; our guest speaker Mike Albert; and, Doug Bowen a veteran was grateful to be able to share his experiences he had at the House in the woods Military Family Retreat.



Peter Kowalski
Rotary Foundation

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Bethel introduced her guest today. Rusty Richmond is a fellow Gold Star mother. She went around the room and gave a hug to all of our veterans.



50/50 RAFFLE

John O'Malley won the lucky draw and pulled the seven of spades – so close – who will be the lucky person to pull the five of clubs.



Mike Albert’s presentation was very heartwarming – keep up the great work of helping our veterans – hope you can join us next week!